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TO : Chief, Foreign Division "M"

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FROM : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe *pk*

SUBJECT: GENERAL—

SPECIFIC— Erwin BRANDT *61-47*

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1. The following pertinent facts concerning subject's war and post-war activities were elicited in the course of a conversation between CAUTERY-2 and subject:

a. Subject has been gathering experiences on the clandestine Communist apparatus, its methods and activities, for the last twenty years.

b. In his official capacity subject was intimately acquainted with the activities of the illegal Komintern apparatus (OMS) and the EQUAL complex.

c. In the course of his activities subject claims to have learned about a Soviet espionage scheme directed against the Manhattan Project. He allegedly proposed to (SS Gruppenfuehrer) Heinrich MUELLER, Chief of Amt IV, to notify the United States through a Swiss intermediary, but was turned down.

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d. During his internment in Nuremberg, subject was repeatedly interrogated by Dr. KEMPFNER. He claims to have withheld important information because he did not consider it the proper place or time to divulge his secrets.

e. While detained in Dachau, subject was interrogated by U.S. intelligence officers who came from Frankfurt and Heidelberg and who wanted to get his views on the authenticity of the so-called Plan F (presumably Plan M, which turned out to be a forgery).

f. After his release from British internment, subject received frequent visits from British intelligence officers, who evinced an interest in enlisting his collaboration. Subject claims to have turned down all those requests. He believes that the British were acting on the advice of his former superior KSPKOW, or his former colleagues HANDEL and WELLER. The British were particularly anxious to establish the identity of the Gestapo's informant net in the KPD. In this connection the name of WATERN was mentioned.

g. Frau HUBER-NEUMANN asked subject to testify in her behalf to refute the allegation that she had been a Gestapo Spitzel. Subject refused to testify but wrote her defense lawyer that Frau HUBER had not been recruited by the Gestapo.

h. Subject is loath to work for the British intelligence service. He resents having been detained by them without charges for several years. He

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furthermore thinks that the Labor Government lacks a clear line in its fight against Communism.

1. Subject considers the United States the only country which has recognized the bolshevist danger in all its magnitude and which is prepared to spill blood in fighting it.

j. Subject is prepared to place his knowledge at the disposal of the American Intelligence service.

k. Some time ago subject was visited by one ~~RAILIN~~ from Harvard University.

2. Pending the outcome of our investigations we do not propose the establishment of direct contact with subject. CAUTERY-2 mentioned that he enjoys subject's fullest confidence and has assured him that any reasonable suggestion in the matter will meet with his cooperation. As soon as the results are in, we would suggest that [] who lives in close proximity to subject, be requested to look him up and prepare an inventory of his current usefulness (we still consider [] an expert in the ALCATRAZ field; the thoroughness of his debriefings is a recollection we shall always fondly cherish) which would materially influence the nature of our project.

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